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Indiana's Enhanced 9-1-1 Network Receives National Award

State recognized for innovation in the area of emergency communications

INDIANAPOLIS (March 27, 2009) – State Treasurer Richard Mourdock, Chairman of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board (Wireless Board), announces that Indiana's Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) network received a national award for innovation in the area of emergency communications at a recent event in Washington, DC.

“As the Chairman of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board, I am extremely honored that our Enhanced 9-1-1 network was recognized for our current innovation and ongoing plans to upgrade our system as new technologies emerge in the emergency wireless field,” stated Treasurer Mourdock.

Indiana's E9-1-1 award of “Outstanding 9-1-1 Program” was presented by the E9-1-1 Institute in conjunction with the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus and the National Emergency Number Association as part of their “9-1-1 Honors Gala” earlier this week.

Indiana's E9-1-1 network routes all wireless emergency 9-1-1 calls made within the State of Indiana to the nearest Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), which notifies local emergency authorities and services. Indiana was one of the first states to connect all of its PSAPs together by one fiber network, resulting in cost savings and the ability to adapt to future technologies. In addition, the Wireless Board provides funds directly to each PSAP throughout the state to assist with expenses related to day-to-day operations.

“I would like to thank the members of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board and its Executive Director Ken Lowden for all of their efforts in making sure Hoosiers have access to 9-1-1 emergency services when it matters most.”

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To learn more about IN911 network, please contact Indiana Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board's Executive Director Ken Lowden at (317)234-2507 or visit the website www.in.gov/tos/e911.